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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SWEDISH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT  
ASSISTANCE OLA ULLSTEN

REF.: STOCKHOLM 4344

1. ULLSTEN MET OCTOBER 13 WITH AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ARA ARELLANO, BUT COOPER MEETING HAD TO BE CANCELLED. DISCUSSIONS IN ARA FOCUSED ON CHILE REFUGEE PROBLEM AND NEW APPROACHES TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN CARIBBEAN AREA NOW BEING WORKED ON BY US, UK, AND CANADA. ULLSTEN SAID SWEDEN WOULD CONTINUE OPEN DOOR POLICY TOWARD POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM CHILE. TALKS WITH GILLIGAN WERE ABOUT OVERALL AID POLICY AND PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY AID'S RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS. ULLSTEN ALSO MET WITH BRADFORD MORSE IN NEW YORK, WITH ROBERT MCNAMARA (IBRD), AND OTHERS.

2. ULLSTEN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON COINCIDED WITH OCTOBER 13 FRONT PAGE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ENTITLED "SWEDEN UNCLASSIFIED

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CANCELLING \$200 MILLION DEBTS OF POOREST NATIONS", BASED ON ULLSTEN'S STATEMENT AT UN PREVIOUS DAY. CANCELLATION OF LDC DEBT, CONSEQUENTLY, WAS A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WITH BOTH GILLIGAN AND ARELLANO, AND SWEDES STATED CLEARLY

THEY HOPED THEIR ACTION MIGHT SERVE AS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR US AND OTHERS TO FOLLOW. VANCE

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